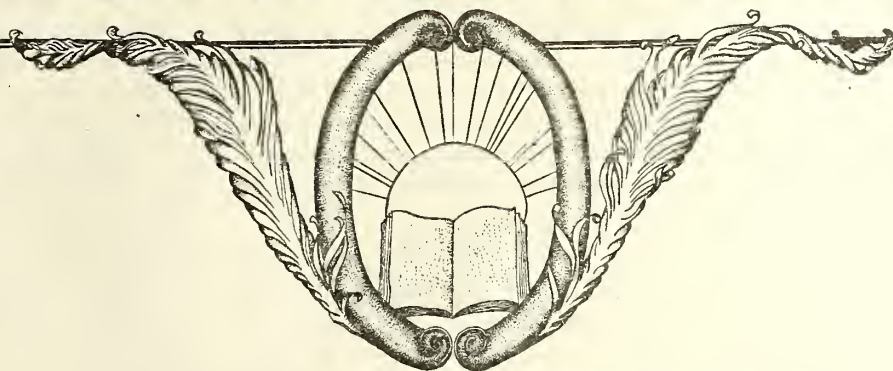


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WHAT IS PAIN FOR?

God might have kept us without pain!
And God is love.
There must be better things than ease
For us to prove;
The furrowed brow, the patient heart,
The pale, sad face,
The soul that bears what He has sent,
Are signs of grace.

Pain takes us to His feet which else
We might forget;
We cry to Him for help, and He
Ne'er failed us yet.
Much than pain brings is molten gold
And richest gain;
More than we else could know is taught
In schools of pain.

Pain is a passing thing, and life
Is swift to go.
God keeps a land so glad that there
You will not know
The meaning of a pain, and there
Is no regret;
He will remove the curtain soon,
And you forget!

—Marianne Farningham.

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EDITORIAL.

JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. Luke 7:28.

Evidently Heaven's estimate of character is different from that of Earth. This is because the Divine can discern the future and see what is to be the outcome. Christ saw and knew that John was taking an active and conspicuous part in an event the issues of which were to mean more to man and to the world than those of any other event whatsoever. That is to say, John saw a great Light, lived and moved and wrought in the illumination thereof, and did not doubt nor hesitate as to the outcome thereof. Many of us can discern great events after they have passed and wish that we could have been a part thereof. Few indeed are they who can rightly judge the truly great event and assume an appropriate relationship thereto. John had the keenness of vision to see the monumental event which was at hand, and to assume an active relationship thereto.

This is a mark of true greatness. Nor was John's head turned or puffed up because he saw and knew the event which was to make his name noted for all time. Though living and laboring in the light of a great event, John remained humble, practiced self-denial, and sought no exalted station for himself. John saw that as the great Light increased his own light and life must decrease; yet he never wavered, never hesitated, never faltered. It takes a hero to do that, a true, genuine, great hero, to push on toward a purpose, and help a great cause which purpose and which cause mean throwing the man into the background, taking away interest in him and concern about him. John gave his life for a cause the development of which meant his own downfall.

Any of us can sacrifice for a cause if we understand we are to form a part of the cause when accomplished, but few indeed will sacrifice for a cause which means their own obliteration.

But Christ's estimate of John was acute and correct. John ranks with the highest, takes rank with the noblest. He has few peers, and no superiors in all that goes to make up real greatness. His was a lofty soul, a singleness of purpose, a devoutness of aim, an unselfishness in execution such as history does not often give evidence of. John was an orator, a prophet, a seer, a tireless worker, a

preacher of righteousness with a flaming tongue; yet he was modest, retiring, humble, sincere and devout.

In a brief life he prepared the way for the greatest of all the great and made known to thousands that Israel's deliverance was at hand. He gave his life for a great cause and did it freely.

ELON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The 22nd annual commencement opened June 1, at 8 p. m. with class day exercises. The class had seventeen members to receive A. B. degrees, seven to receive M. A. degrees, and fourteen others to receive diplomas or certificates for superior work in the Music, Art, Expression, and Commercial Departments of the College.

Class Exercises.

The opening number of the class exercises was the address of welcome given by the President of the Class, Mr. W. H. Fleming, Greenville, Ohio. The class history was read by Miss Margaret Jewel Michael, the class poem by Mr. J. Lee Johnson, (a real poem it was, too, and not mere versification) Miss Margaret Isceley gave the class Prophecy, many of whose items brought forth rounds of applause. Miss Myrtie Cox read well many class ents and witticisms, while the pal-mistry of the class was set forth delightfully by Miss Ethel DuRant. Mr. J. A. Fogleman read the Last Will and Testament, bequeathing the many valuables including the good looks of the class, to those to whom they most appropriately belonged. Mr. J. S. Fleming presented to each of his classmates a trophy of great value, much to the enjoyment of the audience. Musical renditions were given by Misses Ruby Michael, Lois Davidson, and Ethel DuRant. The Mantle Oration was delivered by Mr. J. S. Truitt and accepted by the Junior Class through Mr. C. T. Rand.

The class Oration was delivered by Mr. J. C. Stuart, who was eloquent in his treatment of the theme: The Vicarious Life.

At the conclusion of the regular program, the president announced that the young ladies of the class had made their memento gift to Alma Mater in sharing the expense recently incident in refitting the College Auditorium and that the young men of the class had given a beautiful electric fixture for the rostrum of the Auditorium.

The Sermon.

The baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. F. Burnett, D. D., Sec. of the American Christian Convention, was delivered on the morning of June 2 at 11:30 o'clock. Dr. Burnett crose as his text Tim. 4:16, and spoke in part as follows:

"The successful life is one that recognizes its unity. Paul understood the unity of life and said 'this one thing I do.' There are two words of the text that should be especially emphasized: Thyself and Heed. There is a personality of which every normal life is fundamental success. The words, take heed, ordinarily mean to listen, to look, but in this connection it means to grip, to grasp, to hold. The illustration is that of a farmer who is inexperienced and when he is about to begin a furrow an old experienced farmer says, 'Young man, the surface of the ground is uneven; get a firm hold upon the plow handles.' That is the philosophy of the text and the advice of the good and wise Paul, and I have come to vocalize and emphasize in the most practical way the sound advice of this old Hebrew.

"There are two spheres in which this personality may find opportunity of expression. One of these spheres is the world of flesh and things into which we are born without any conscious knowledge upon our part, and the other is the world of spiritual verities into which we are born with our full knowledge and consent. Our birth into this world gives us a right to appropriate all the blessings of the world, and the same is true of the birth into the kingdom of spiritual life.

There are three great laws which must be applied to life in both these spheres if life is to reach its best. The law of suppression must be applied to all the functions of the soul, which lie beneath the spiritual birth line, such as combativeness, acquisitiveness, self-esteem and others of like character. The law of cultivation must be applied to all the nobler qualities of life and to those born with our birth into the spiritual kingdom. The law of impartation must be applied to all the powers of life by which we are made capable of serving. The law of freely giving because of having freely received is absolute and universal. It is the law of God in all things.

On the evening of this day, President Harper delivered his baccalaureate address from Rom. 12, 11, choosing as his theme: 'Life's Basic Principles.' This address we give in full elsewhere.

Board of Trustees.

The third day of commencement, June 3, was given over to the sessions of the Board of Trustees, whose members are as follows:

W. A. Harper, president, ex-officio; Dr. P. H. Fleming, secretary, Greenville, O.; G. W. Truitt, Suffolk, Va.; J. Beale Johnson and Kemp B. Johnson, Cardenas, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Wellons and Dr. G. S. Watson, Elon College, N. C.; Dr. R. M. Morrow, Burlington, N. C.; Senator J. E.

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The president's report was read and showed the college in most excellent condition financially. During the year the Special Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars was completed, and besides special donations amounting to \$4,925 for current expenses several minor improvements were made. The total disbursements for the current expenses of the year were shown to be \$45,292.75. The Treasurer's report showed all accounts paid in full, and that there were no outstanding bills. The president's report showed the total enrollment to be for the year as follows: Graduate students, 23; undergraduates, 228; normal pupils, 17; total, 268—the largest enrollment in Elon's history. These students represent the following states and countries: North Carolina, 197; Virginia, 52; Alabama, 2; Tennessee, 3; West Virginia, 1; Pennsylvania, 2; Ohio, 4; Texas, 1; Georgia, 3; Maryland, 1; District of Columbia, 1; Cuba, 1.

Society Representatives.

The evening of the third day was taken up with the orations and essays of the three literary society representatives, who were as follows: the Psiphelian Society, Miss Virgie Estelle Beale, Windsor, Va., and Miss Pearle Fogleman, Burlington, N. C.; the Philologian Society, Mr. J. F. Morgan, Spies, N. C. and Mr. A. T. Banks, McCollers, N. C.; the Clio Society, Mr. F. F. Myrick, Bennett, N. C., and Mr. C. W. Rountree, Cypress Chapel, Va.

Miss Virgie Beale was the first speaker, subject: Margaret Junkin Preston—An Appreciation. She showed great familiarity with her subject and spoke in substance as follows: "In the greenest of Virginia valleys is situated the town of Lexington, where is located Washington and Lee University. In 1848 Dr. George Junkin came to assume the presidency. His daughter, Margaret, was highly educated, possessing a noble and admirable disposition, combined with many other excellent qualities and characteristics.

"She was a talented poet, ranking with Lanier, Hayne, and Timrod in culture, imagination, and fertility, and mastery of the technique of her art. She possessed rare rythmical melody of expression and an exquisite ear for music in the highest spiritual sense.

"In memory and recognition of her delicate and rigorous work and delightful gift, some old Mortality might fittingly

select three of the loveliest words in our language and write them on tablets of Parisian marble: Woman, Poet, Saint."

Mr. Charles Wesley Rountree, representing the Clio Society, spoke from the theme: Defeating Oneself. Mr. Rountree said in part:

"The world has long since learned that it has no need for a man who fights himself. Many a man has missed his chances in the business world by being afraid he couldn't do the tasks in hand, and by trying to make the job fit him rather than make himself fit the job. The world needs men who are not expecting something to turn up, but men who have initiative, tact, skill, inventive ingenuity, and men who can make things turn up, regardless of the advertising of the multitude. One defeats himself when he begins to harbor in his mind thoughts of doubt and despondency."

Woman's Rights were not without an advocate, their movement receiving an impassioned presentation in a beautiful essay entitled "Beyond the Door Yard," by Miss Pearle Fogleman, whose essay was vigorously applauded, when she indulged in such epigrams as these: "Having started the business of human service woman is still awake to her opportunities, to her responsibilities, to mankind. She is now more interested in the welfare of her fellow beings than in the shape of skirts, decreed by Paris, and newest problems in bridge." Large-brained, motherly-hearted women are steadily asserting their power to extend house-keeping beyond private door-yards. For instance, the prime factor in the Child Labor Movement is Woman. Mrs. Mackay has been a striking figure in this campaign. Armed with the Mackay millions, a clever wit and considerable originality, how eagerly she is striving for the education and protection of poor, dirty, half-starved factory children, who must find their recreation on the street! Then too, already the "inquiet sex" has entered the field of college professorship and held its own. Man's tender years in which he builds character, and stores knowledge, are entrusted to women. Still, there are men, who are so devoid of knowledge, so narrow-minded, so near-sighted as to assert, Pater-like, that woman hasn't the ability to understand, to be mentally developed. How long it does take man to open his eyes! When will he ever wake up enough to realize that he is already being left in the shade, that woman is forging ahead; reaching out for the laurel of victory, victory over the prejudice of war?

One would have supposed from Miss Fogleman's essay that the American Infamy was the failure to give women their much clamored for rights, but the next

speaker seemed to find it in the summary manner in which the mob metes out justice seasoned with rage and blinded prejudice. Mr. F. F. Myrick spoke in part as follows:

According to statistics, more than sixteen hundred illegal hangings were engaged in during the last fifteen years. Not only do helpless cries of the victims come from the cotton fields and cane brakes of the whole South, they also come from the iron fields of Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.

There is only one solution for this problem, and that is an awakening national sentiment. The majority, both North and South, know that lynching is an evil, but this must be heated into action, which shall restrain the less thoughtful majority.

"Christianity and Peace" was the subject of the eloquent oration delivered by Mr. J. F. Morgan. Mr. Morgan is a ministerial student and treated this theme with a personal relish and enthusiasm that gave it peculiar aptness, the burden of his message being to show that "Christianity is not a creed, not a dogma, not a system of theology. It is an essential spiritual reality, the most real history development of the human race. It stands infinitely beyond and above every other religion. Judaism and Heathenism have been overthrown by its truths and its great doctrines have mounted upon thrones to rule the world.

Behold what geniuses Christianity has moulded and how the greatest poets and historians, statesmen and orators have for centuries been its debtors.

Christianity and peace are inseparable, the author of Christianity is the Prince of Peace, the glorious army under this mighty Prince is going on conquering and to conquer.

"We hear a great deal about conservation in these days," said Mr. T. A. Banks, in the concluding oration of the evening, but the kind of conservation that appeals to me more than any other is the Conservation of Manhood. In the conservation and development of manhood there are three important ideas for consideration; these are the body, the mind, and the spirit.

The greatest need of the age is strong manhood. All the requisites for perfect manhood and qualifications for all the vocations of life are accessible and we are invited by thousands of incentives to fit ourselves for the highest service. Enduring service is the supreme call from all the vocations of life, country, home and God.

The Alumni.

The afternoon of the fourth day was taken up in the business session of the
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LIFE'S BASIC PRINCIPLES.

The Baccalaureate Address by President W. A. Harper before the graduating class at Elon College Sunday evening, June 2, 1912.

Rom. 12:11 Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Every building presupposes a foundation, and the more towering the structure the more important the question of its foundation immediately becomes. The shanty need not go down to clay or the bed-rock, but the sky-scraper must. Every organization of human beings must have a constitution, written or traditional, and the importance of the organization varies directly with the excellence of the constitution. How a mere handful of friends may organize themselves for literary development or social conviviality need not be a serious matter, but the fundamental principles underlying the civil authority of a modern nation become vital to all mankind. So it is of life, my life and your life. The attention we pay to our life's foundation will largely determine the interests our fellows will have in our life. The sky-scraper, whose steel supporting columns go far down into the earth's interior till they find a worthy resting place on the unyielding framework of the world, not only the fragile, pigmy hovel squatting by the ocean's brim or perched upon the mountain's peak, attracts our attention, commands our admiration. The Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, the constitutions of the nations young and old alike in the progress of liberty and freedom, not the by-laws of the Burlington Country Club or of the Greensboro Tennis Union, challenge our interest and compel our sympathetic concern. The life, cast in a large mold, placed in a large room as David conceived it, the life that therefore must have a broad, deep, solid foundation and an expanding outlook on human problems and issues, not the life of dwarfed prospective, narrow horizon, unstable substructure, does the world's work and receives, because it deserves, the world's applause.

The foundation of life is its important part. Without stability, without excellence here, no progress of enduring type is possible. Animals make no advancement from day to day nor from age to age because they make no provision for it, and they make no provision for it in that they pay no heed to the foundation of their existence. Many human beings are animals in this regard—they accept life as they find, without foresight, eking out a paltry existence, leaving the world no better, perhaps worse, than they found it. The problem of human progress is the problem of getting the individual human being in youth to provide any adequate foundation for the duties and

responsibilities of manhood. To this end we expend millions of dollars on school houses and keep a quarter of a million persons employed in teaching. To this end we encourage a myriad almost of organizations and foster at great outlay a magnificent coterie of tendencies ameliorative and uplifting in their import. To this end as individuals the members of the class of 1912 four years ago sought this college, that life for them might have a broad, deep, enduring foundation. And upon foresight thus evidenced and for the auspicious denouement consequent thereupon, I congratulate you to-night. You had a vision and you were not disobedient to it.

The College student encounters two crises in his preparation work, in constructing his life's foundation. The first of these comes when he arrives at College. He finds himself at this momentous juncture of time in a new atmosphere, among strangers, from whom he is to select his bosom companions, companions who are to have weighty influence in shaping his College career. Heretofore his companions have been those of his home and community circle; he has had his parents' wise counsel as a corrective to the often erratic judgments of youth. Now he must be his own counsellor. In the home there was always the pressure of an authority outside himself tending to compel him to give attention to fundamental issues and duties first and to social, convivial matters secondarily. Now he is to determine to what ends he will direct his attention and to what duties and interests give precedence. He faces a grave crisis—a crisis which carries many a promising life down, in institutions which are not careful as to the morals of those who come and as to the moral training of those who have come. How important it is that at this critical time the most wholesome, uplifting influences be brought to bear upon the life and that distractions and allurements of an insidious, hurtful character be eliminated, we all know. The first month in College will ordinarily determine the emphasis a man will place relatively on the essential constituents of life-preparation or the embellishments of living that have small place in life's substructure and only a subordinate, while yet a very real, place in life at all.

Those who survive the first crisis come to the second—graduation day—the day, when having laid the foundation deep, strong, massive, the real work of erecting the superstructure begins—to Commencement Day. In the old country they call it Commemoration Day, wherein the aim is to inspire the new-made Alumni by what their predecessors have done. But I prefer the name we in this country associate with

it—Commencement Day, the day when the graduates are to commence to build their lives, to do their part in human uplift, to weave into the warp and woof of human achievement the texture of their own life's ideals. A critical day, this—a more critical than that on which four years ago College training was initiated. While we meet a new freedom and a new responsibility when we become citizens in the College community, yet even there we are surrounded by friendly advisers, whose chief pleasure is to give direction and impetus to the lives committed to them and whose chief business is not self-aggrandisement at our expense, but our advancement at their expense of energy, patience, and concern. Our course of studies was largely determined for us and wholesome advice and kindly admonition awaited us at every snare or pit-fall. But on Commencement Day we face a changed order of things. We find ourselves in a larger throng, the throng of the bustling world of business and commerce, and while there will be friendly guideposts along its way, we shall encounter the sign-posts of enemies also, and we must distinguish between them. Our work will of our own choosing not be longer laid out for us; it must be of our own choosing. The days of youth in the home and the days of foundation work in colleges will prove powerful, willing allies to keep us true and strong for the right, but they will be allies only and not lords; we ourselves must command them or they cannot assist us to success.

In a crisis like this, a crisis that comes but once in a life-time, the need of a chart and compass is imperative. Unless we have a rudder, we cannot control our vessel; and unless we have a life-policy, founded on basic principles, a policy that is adequate and comprehensive, we cannot hope that our life will be symmetrical or full-orbed. The foundation laid in the years of preparation for our vocation will stand us in good stead, provided we have constructed it out of the proper material and imbedded it on the solid rock of human character. But the foundation is not the entire edifice. Skill and patience and judgment will be demanded in the completion of the structure, and these qualities must be contained in our life-policy, our program of living and working, if we are to achieve enduring results. The fundamental qualities of such a life-policy, of such a program of righteous living, are contained in the passage of Scripture taken as the basis of the remarks of this occasion, under three heads:

1. Attention To Business.

"Not slothful in business," says the inspired writer to the brethren living in the world's capital city, and there was need of the message. The ancient world regard-

ed work with aversion. Slaves were to do the necessary tasks of life. Naturally they identified their slavery with their work and chafed under its exactions. Paul counsels all who render service to do so without slothfulness and it goes without saying that the missionary tent-makers expected every man to work. Christ had ennobled home toil when he labored for eighteen years at the carpenter's bench. Labor, for the Christian, whether physical or mental, is divine and no truly Christian man is happy without his post of service in the world. Sluggards, drones, lazy men we have indeed and always will have, parasites they upon the social body, but they are the abnormal, not the normal man—a complete overturning this of the Roman conception of the degradation entailed by work and an absolute reversion from the ancient exaltation of freedom from vocational duties having a materialistic aspect,—a clear-cut denunciation of the old attitude of Roman civilization toward all effort for personal maintenance, and the glorification of its opposite.

Many feel that the twentieth century American pays to strict adherence to his business demands and that he is fast approaching the precipice of nervous prostration consequent upon too arduous attention to a single interest. I freely grant that there are men who have wrecked their lives by what is familiarly known as strenuousness, but it is not true that the American people as a whole work too hard, nor is it demonstrable, according to the latest books on social phenomena, that our people are more nervous than the English or the Germans or the French. The pulse of the entire world has been quickened within the last half-century, whether because of the rapid strides we Americans have made in material development or to the multiplication of the world's producing capacity through inventions we know not, but the rate of doing things has quickened and a new energy has transferred the world. But this does not mean that the world's population is on the verge of nervous wreck. Speed is not nervousness nor is rapidity of production evidence of social neuralgia.

We work shorter hours than ever before in history. No age in mankind's annals has enjoyed so much leisure as our own. Our work is not hurting us. Work never hurts anyone; rather it proves itself a wonderful preservative of health. But hurry, "the square of work," coupled with worry, "its cube," will bring disaster, and that, too, quickly. Not the man who does the most work, but the man who needlessly hurries and worries over his duties is the man who suffers from insomnia, ennui, hypochondria, nervous prostration, and who soon comes to the zenith of his serviceableness

and as speedily descends in creative capacity to the nadir of enforced inactivity and perhaps of permanent disqualification for further performance in his chosen realm of service. He who works habitually under high pressure, which is another word for hurry, is doomed already to pay the penalty of enforced relaxation and at a time not of his own choosing, but when nature shall elect. And he who adds worry to performance under high pressure is committing suicide with accelerated pace. The apostle would as unequivocally condemn you for over-work as for slothfulness in your business. It is our duty, our privilege, as master builders of the edifice of life, to find the golden mean between over-work and under-work.

Personally I do not think we have yet reached the maximum of human efficiency in business; the world's record for doing things has not yet been brought to its highest point. It is true that the productive capacity of the race has enormously multiplied in recent decades, but the high-water mark has not yet been reached. All our improvements practically have been in the line of mechanical development. Our tools are a marvel and our machines surpass in their prodigious energy the fabled achievements of the pagan deities. Wealth was multiplied and continues to multiply, but the end is not yet. We face an open door of great potentiality, or marvellous possibilities of increase in productive capacity. We are to witness marvels as great, greater as mind is greater than matter, in improved methods of applying human power of mind to the industrial and other problems of our complex and intricate social organism. Scientific management is a new phrase, but it contains a germ of potentous advancement for mankind. Its application to brick-laying has more than trebled the capacity of the master mason and left him with greater freshness and vigor when his day's work is done than his previous output of one-third that amount he had left him. Other and greater marvels from its mastery await us. Human efficiency in business is to be wonderfully increased in the coming generation and it behooves us to do our part as trained men and women, for only such can have a part in it, to be found laboring for its ushering in. The surest plan for us to adopt in order to render well our part in this new order of increased efficiency is to be "not slothful in business."

An intensely practical question is that arising out of the demands of our business upon us. When does a man cease to be slothful in business? How assiduous should his attention to his vocational responsibilities be? Is he to have only one interest in life? These are engaging queries and admit of much divergence of opinion. Experience

however seems to teach that constant attention to one thing decreases efficiency in it and that the most successful men are those who master one line of work, become authority in it, and then have time for other interests. The old adage "Work while you work and play while you play," while it is homely, is after all as adequate summing up of the world's matured judgment on this vital issue as can be formulated. If we employ our leisure moments in broadening our sympathies, if we steel ourselves during our working hours against hurry and at all times against worry, if we devote our vocational hours to work and not to dawdling, we shall meet with best results the apostle's first requirements that we avoid slothfulness in our business, in our life's work.

II. *Enthusiasm In Service.*

"Fervent in spirit" says the sacred writer, and the spirit is not written with a capital letter, and he was right. Attention to business is not sufficient in itself. Energy devoted to our vocation may make us proficient in it, but might brand us as failures in life. There must be wholeheartedness in our service, else we might engage in a disgraceful, hurtful, disreputable sort of business. Unless you can be whole-hearted in the business you are engaged in, you had better get in another business—there is something wrong with it or with you in your relation to it. A business that is worthy of you will necessarily enlist all your sympathies, inspire your enthusiasm, beget your devotion, and impel perforce your consecration to its ends. Unless you entertain such sentiments toward your life-work, it is unworthy of you or you are not adapted to it. It then becomes a drudgery to you and your performance in it is at a discount of efficiency and of effectiveness. You are a bore to yourself and the yoke of life galls you. But how the heart thrills when you meet a man who is happy in his work, whose wholeheartedness and singleness of devotion to his duty are apparent in every movement, eloquent in every utterance! I love to meet the enthusiastic, consecrated man who is so full of his life's work that he cannot refrain from "talking shop." I do not expect to engage in his line of work, though he is anxious ever to make me a disciple, but I get a zeal and an enthusiasm from associating with him that qualifies me for better service in my own vocation. Believe in your work. Be enthusiastic over it. Feel that it is a great work, worthy of your best energy beneficial to your fellows. Put energy into it, the best energy of soul at your command. Be fervent in your efforts to meet each responsibility; be whole-hearted in your endeavor to achieve the very finest

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Alumni Association and in the Annual Recital of the Department of Expression. The Alumni Association is meditating large things for Alma Mater, which did not materialize this year. It is hoped however that soon something definite can be announced.

Department of Expression.

The Department of Expression has had great success this year and its program was looked forward to with relish. Those who appeared in the different roles were Mr. B. J. Earp, Semora, N. C.; Miss Annie Laurie Wicker, of Elon College, Mr. H. F. Cline, Jr., of Charlestown, W. Va., Miss Blanche Newman, Holland, Va., Miss Margarette Iseley, Burlington, N. C., Miss Nellie Fleming, Greenville, Ohio, Miss Mary Williams, Suffolk, Va., Miss Ethel Barrett, Dayton, Ohio, and Miss Ruth Johnson, Cardenas, N. C. Especially worthy were the selections from Dickens and Shakespeare and the ensemble depicting the moodiness of the April Day as beginning with the Cloud, followed by the Shower, then the Rainbow, and finally the radiant Sunbeam. As the four young ladies whose role it was to present these different moods depicted their parts, the audience seemed to be in the midst of a real April Day.

Music Department.

The evening session was the occasion of concert of the Music Department. The presence of the large audience which filled the Auditorium to its utmost capacity, attested the excellence of the programs of other years and their expectations of the evening.

The flexibility of Mrs. J. L. Foster's voice was shown to great advantage in her rendition of the Aria "In si barbara" from the Opera Semiramide. The martial strain "Non pin audrai" from *Le Nozze di Figaro* was presented with fine finish and effect by Mr. R. A. Campbell, who excels in operatic roles.

Mr. O. M. Barnes has a voice of remarkable power and richness. His rendition of the Toreador's Song from *Carmen* was of unusual excellence. Miss Maibelle Pritchette in the Chopin Scherzo was master of herself and the piano while the always enjoyable, poetic "Last Hope" by Gottschalk was given with religious feeling by Miss Allene Patton.

A quartette sung by Misses Wilson, Pitt and Barnes of the Music Faculty, assisted by Miss Clements of the Expression Department closed the program of the evening. The following is the list of the others of the fifteen participants in this delightful evening, each one of whom deserves special mention, exhibiting close application and fine native talent: Miss Verna Garrett, Graham, N. C.; Miss

Mabel Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; Miss Hattie Belle Smith of Elon College; Miss Grace Rollings, Dory, Va.; Miss Ethel Barret, Dayton, Ohio, Miss Fogleman, Burlington, N. C.; Miss Ethel DuRant, N. C., Miss Frankie McNeill, Nederland, Texas; Miss Annie Bagwell, Durham, N. C.

Literary Address.

But the chief interest of Tuesday's throng centered in the literary address of the forenoon, for the speaker was to be the great former governor of the Commonwealth, the Hon. Robert B. Glenn. There is no man in public life in the South today who has the confidence of the people in his integrity and manhood more securely than does Governor Glenn. He is affectionately remembered as the Prohibition and Railroad Rate Governor, the fearless champion of morality and the people's rights. The Governor was greeted by an immense throng of his sincere admirers and chose for His Theme: How to Make Life Count. He spoke eloquently for more than an hour on Obedience, Industry, Patriotism, and the Religious life. The audience was edified in the inner man.

Graduating Exercises.

The concluding day's exercises began at 10:30 A. M. with the regular graduating exercises of the class of 1912.

Miss Margarette Iseley, Burlington, N. C., as salutatorian welcomed the audience most gracefully. She was followed in an oration by Mr. Elmer Levy Daughtry, Franklin, Va., his subject being *The New Canaan*. Mr. Daughtry treated his theme in a novel way, showing that every man is his own Canaan, that Canaan in present day affairs means the ideal of Ethics as it is now stated in the word, Self-realization. "The Israelites of old failed to get possession of the land of Canaan because they lacked faith and courage necessary to drive out the people who inhabited the land of promise. So do we of today fail to be and to do what we ought. There is a work for every man and woman. The development of our best self, the social, moral, and political needs of our country demand not only men and women who can think, but those who can act as well. The salvation of our nation will be determined by the individual conduct of our citizens. We cannot fill our place in the world and render the service that we should unless we first master self. To gain self-mastery we will have to make sacrifices, but only through sacrifices and service can that richer happiness of the soul be gained."

Mr. C. J. Felton, Magnolia, Va., chose the theme: Modern Knighthood, and pictured the needs of the hour, among which he felt that the greatest was a new type

of knighthood. He said in part: "America is advancing rapidly. These are called centuries of progress. But in the midst of this rapid advancement there are many to whom the path of progress is closed. A great cry is coming up from this other half which will eventuate in the destruction of our country if it is not heeded. There seems to be no solution to this problem unless we can revive the old-time spirit of chivalry without its many errors. It seems to me the most fitting class to take the lead in forming this modern knighthood is the college men. The future of our country rests largely in their hands. May they realize this and go unselfishly into the work."

The World's Orator was the subject of the oration delivered into competition for the Stanford Orator's medal, by J. A. Dickey, Haw River, N. C., which we print in full elsewhere in *The Sun*.

Miss Lois Baird Davidson, of Gibsonville, N. C., chose as her subject, "The Mystic Hall of Statuary," which is printed in full elsewhere.

Miss Mabel Hale Farmer, News Ferry, Va., read an essay from the title "Outward Bound," in which she pictured the tasks that await ambitious persons for solution and represented College men and women as a ship: "Standing at the harbor we see a magnificent ship bound for some distant port. She is in perfect gear, but she is subject to the conditions of the waves and storms and rocks. We may compare a young man or young woman's leaving College to this ship. The journey of life may be a success or a failure. It may be made a success by the ambitious, the courageous, provided they are also soldiers of the King. When the testing time comes, may we all have so lived that we may have a safe entrance to the harbor after a long and successful voyage. And the beauty of it is that we can if we will."

Mr. William Lee Anderson, Haw River, N. C., was the last representative of the class to compete for the orator's medal. His subject was "Every Man in His Own Paradise." He showed the dignity of manhood and concluded with this sentiment: "Life is just what we make it. Paradise even in this mortal world is not invisible, save to those who have blinded their eyes to its beauties; not unheard, save to those who have stopped their ears to its harmonies; not unfelt, save to those who have blunted their sensibilities to its experiences."

"Finally, such is the natural endowment of man to be magnified, transformed and adorned. And it is not given to mortal eloquence or song to express satisfactorily the glorious metamorphosis by

which man becomes in a Better Land, his own Paradise."

Mr. John Lee Johnson, Cardenas, N. C., valedictorian of his class, then eloquently and affectionately bade farewell to the Faculty, the audience and his classmates and the graduation exercises so far as the representatives of the class were concerned were at an end.

The medals were delivered to the members of the class who had won them in his usual pleasing and instructive manner by Dr. E. L. Moffitt, of Asheboro. Dr. Moffitt's friends were glad to have him return and to be in their midst again.

It is the custom at Elon to give every graduate a Bible as the chart and compass of life. This service was gracefully and most fittingly performed by Rev. A. B. Kendall, pastor of the First Christian Church of Burlington, N. C.

President Harper then conferred degrees and presented diplomas and certificates. Secretary Fleming of the Corporation presenting the candidates.

Reunion of the literary societies was at three o'clock in the afternoon and the Art Exhibit at 4 o'clock. At five o'clock the College Band gave a campus concert on their campus grand-stand. The Alumni Oration was delivered at night by Mr. Deroy Ransom Fonville, of the Charlotte bar, a member of the class of 1904, who has since taken his M. A. degree here and his LL.B. from the University of Virginia. Mr. Fonville is a public speaker of rare gifts. While in College and in the University he took every honor in public speaking to be had, and has since his graduation in law been a popular after-dinner and special occasion speaker for Y. M. C. A. functions, a work in which he is much interested. His subject was Civil War, a theme in which he is a specialist.

Mr. Fonville spoke in part as follows:

"In these piping times of peace" it may seem out of place to talk to you of war. I have no desire to harrow up your souls with a recital of the horrors of war, or to recount with glowing words its stories of valorous deeds or glorious heroism. But I want to direct your thought to a war that is not less real, if less spectacular, that is not less relentless, if more indirect in its methods, and that has leaders not less daring or brilliant than those of which the profession of arms can boast.

"The only basis of peace is justice. Until some substantial instrument for the accomplishment of justice is substituted what we must expect is war. The growth of sentiment among the nations of the earth for an international or world court to which they can submit their grievances, and by whose decrees they will

abide, secures added impetus from such peace treaties as those recently negotiated by our President with England and France.

"Emasculated as they were in the Senate and robbed of much of their effectiveness, yet these peace treaties sum up in solemn obligation the hopes and the dreams of every good man that ever lived and submit to an institutional test the great modern principle of arbitration—that principle which has decreed that the rule of might shall give place to the rule of right.

"But because we see in this the passing of war, no one should think that the need for fighting is any the less, or that courage, or discipline, or leadership are less needed than heretofore. The opportunities for the exercise of these virtues have been transferred, more or less, to the civil and industrial arena.

"Slowly but surely we are beginning to recognize the real enemies of mankind—that they are not from without but from within.

"Among these enemies should be named the commercialism of our age which makes our lives crassly materialistic, economic injustice which has produced such glaring inequalities in the distribution of wealth, the hysterics and frightened alarm we feel at the appearance of certain diseases and our indifference towards the most deadly of them all—Consumption.

"Ignorance," said he "impoverishes not less surely than does the devastating hand of war. He referred to the social unrest that today permeates American life and saw in it the growth of a national conscience and the enlistment of many "Soldiers of the Common Good" in the warfare for humanity.

He concluded with the words of Thomas Carlyle to the students of the University of Edinburgh when addressing them on the theme "What a man is born to in all epochs." "He is born to expend every particle of strength that Almighty God has given him for doing the thing he finds he is for, to stand up to it to the last breath of life that is in him, and to do his best."

Honors Conferred.

The medalists of this year were as follows: Long Scholarship to J. Lee Johnson, Cardenas, N. C.; Wellons General Scholarship, Miss Eva Christman, Burlington, N. C.; Stanford Orator's, James Allen Dickey, Haw River, N. C.; Moffitt Essayist, Miss Lois Baird Davidson, Gibsonville, N. C.; The Morrow Thesis, Elmer Levi Daughtry, Franklin, Va.; the Alumni Scholarship was awarded to Miss Myrtie Lawrence, Seagrove, N. C.

The College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. N. G. New-

man, Holland, Va., president of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference; President E. A. Watkins, of Palmer College, Le Grande, Iowa; and and Rev. George C. Enders, Defiance, Ohio, Dean of Defiance College.

Gymnasium.

The greatest event of the commencement however was the announcement by the Corporation's secretary that the Board of Trustees had decided to fit up the gymnasium room of the West Dormitory for the young ladies and to erect a modern gymnasium in addition the equal of any in the State for young men and that these improvements would be ready for the next fall term, if possible. The Building Committee for these improvements is the President, Dr. W. W. Staley, and Kemp B. Johnson. Plans from architects will be received and the contract let as soon as possible. This addition to Elon's equipment will be beneficial and useful.

With a past that is secure, a present that is auspicious, Elon faces the future with inspired confidence, and in the strength of youthful and hopeful vigor.

—Will you bear in mind and write it D. D. when addressing our esteemed and efficient friend, Rev. N. G. Newman, Holland, Va.? His alma mater did the graceful deed, and right deservedly was it done, for besides being a successful pastor, Dr. Newman is a close and thorough student of the Bible and theology. He will wear worthily and well his new honors.

—After graduation what? Hundreds of young men and young women are asking themselves that this week. And they will answer it in wholesome fashion sooner or later for the most part, for the great majority of college graduates go on to usefulness and success. Some of course fall by the way side, but their number is small indeed as compared with the vast number who fail that have never been to college.

—We acknowledge receipt of a very beautiful invitation from the Faculty and Students of Union Christian College, Merom, Ind., Rev. D. A. Long, D. D., President, to the annual commencement Wednesday, June 12, 1912. Union has had a successful year under Dr. Long's able leadership we are led to believe, and the future of the college seems hopeful.

—Conditions in Cuba are not reassuring, the outlook giving the appearance rather of war than of peace. The U. S. is dispatching gunboats and marines to protect her own—and to meet other emergencies if necessary. It is exceedingly doubtful if the Cubans are yet capable of governing themselves and maintaining peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS and CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Edited by Charles A. Hines, Greensboro, N. C., editorial secretary of the Young People's General Convention.

Motto: A Christian Endeavor Society in each Church; Teacher Training and Organized Classes in each Sunday-School.

The secretary will be glad to give any information as to any of the things the convention stands for and where literature can be obtained. Contributions are invited and every class or society should make frequent reports to the above address.

THE "ACORN BIBLE CLASS."

The "Acorn" Bible class of the Christian S. S. Waverly, Va., was organized November 23, 1908, with seventeen charter members. Within eight months the membership reached the number of one hundred and twenty-three. During this time it had ship reached the number of one hundred a five-piece orchestra of skilled musicians. Inspiration was at its highest. The committees did excellent work and results were fine.

With the beginning of the new year, 1911, the class organized a quartet of brass instruments and pays a competent leader and teacher to train the players. Good music and good singing are fine drawing cards and the class is looking forward to greatest success during this year.

The class has not yet adopted any regular system of philanthropy. It contributes to unfortunate members, to the poor local ly, to missions, and to the International Sunday-school Association. In the beginning of its organization it purchased a piano which has been paid for since that time. In total the disbursements of the class since its organization have been more than three hundred dollars. This may sound small to some of our good working classes, but when it is considered this is a country school class it is doing well.

The class holds banquets in the fall of the year and has given entertainments for the benefit of the public, all of which results in stronger ties of fellow feeling and class popularity. Rev. H. A. Rountree is the teacher.—Adult Bible Class Monthly.

FIRST CHRISTIAN PHILATHEAS.

The Philathea class of the First Christian church, Greensboro, which is taught by Mr. W. B. Truitt, has undertaken a work that will gratify every lover of Sunday schools and organized class work. At a business meeting held last Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. C. C. McMichael, it was unanimously decided to begin the work

of raising money for a modern Sunday school building for the church. The class does not expect to do the work alone, but it will be assisted by the Baracas and other classes of the school.

The plan as outlined by Mr. Truitt is that every member of the class agree that within the next twelve months she will raise a certain sum of money to be used for this purpose. Fifteen members Tuesday night agreed to raise \$500 by giving, working and soliciting within the next year—an average of nearly \$40 each. As the class has more than 60 members it is believed that the sum to be raised by the class by next June will be at least \$1500. To build the sort of Sunday school building wanted will cost probably \$10,000, and it will be modern and up to date in every respect. It is not hoped to begin on the building before next spring.

The growth of the Sunday school of this church within the past year has been very marked. The average attendance during the month of May was 162 as against an average of 92 for the same month last year. Organized classees are responsible for the increase. The school now has 100 more members than the church.

A "WHATSOEVER" EXPERIENCE.

For Junior Superintendents.

The unruly boys, overflowing with animal spirits, were placed by a Junior worker in Victoria, on the whatsoever committee of the Junior society. No girls were admitted to this committee; it was to be the boys own.

Curiously enough, the work that interested them most was visiting sick people. Each was given ten or fifteen cents to buy some small gift for the person he was scheduled to visit, and often they supplemented this gift with articles from home.

One day consulting at a shop window about what to buy, one suggested a bottle of tomato sauce, "It goes well with bread and butter even if you have no meat," said one of the boys sagely.

When they arrived at the home of the old man they were sent to visit, one of them said, "We've brought you some things from the Junior Endeavor society.—a bottle of tomato sauce; hope you'll like it."

"Why, laddies," said the old man, "that's a real answer to prayer. Some one gave me some cold meat this morning, and I have been asking the Lord to send me some tomato sauce to eat with it. I thank you, and now I will thank Him."

The boys never forgot it. They were careless and rowdy, but this experience made an impression that could not be effaced. It helped to make God real to them.

A SOCIETY THAT LOST FIVE YEARS

The Old First Congregational society, Cleveland O., has just celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday which might have been its thirtieth.

Before the arrival of Christian Endeavor there was a union young people's meeting in Cleveland. Under the leadership of Dr. H. M. Tenney the Old First young people's meeting organized with a constitution and rules, adopting, according to the church archives, the name of Christian Endeavor. This was probably in the winter of 1882.

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC FOR JUNE 23.

Subject—"Reading That is Worth While,"

1 Tim. 4:3-15.

This is such a valuable asset that it is a great pity that much of it is spent by both youth and age in reading books that entertain merely and do not instruct. In an age when thousands of printing presses are running night and day and turning out every conceivable sort of literature, one should be careful to read the best, for no one can have time to read all.

It is gratifying to know that the sales of the Bible far exceed those of any other single book, yet we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it is not studied and read as thoroughly as it should be. There is tendency to read books about the Bible and diluted commentaries rather than the original word. Much time should be spent in reading the book ourselves. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life." Read other books and doubts are cast upon our faith.

It matters not whether you read an article that is purely instructive, or whether you read a story that is intended to amuse or inspire, if it does not move you or set you thinking, it is not worth while. Reading that makes you think takes hold of you and becomes a part of you; it becomes an influence in your life for good and inspires you to better things.

"No one can be called well educated who has not at least an elementary knowledge of the Bible," said Professor Black of Boston University, "because 40 per cent of the allusions used in English literature are taken from its inexhaustible storehouse of truth. We have never had a great English author who was not fairly saturated with the Bible." If the Bible has proven to be at once the storehouse and fountain from which the authors of "reading that is worth while have nourished the world, why should we not give it first place in our reading?

Read Edward Howard Griggs's delightful book, "The Use of the Margin" and you will learn how fragments of time may

be turned to good account. Arnold Bennett has something good to say, and he says it in a unique manner, in "How to Live on 24 Hours a Day." When you have read these two books, which you can do in a surprisingly short time, you will be strongly inclined to "give attendance to reading." Ten minutes' reading each day would mean five or six books a year, says *The Classmate*. Suppose it would mean five books a year, and the year's reading included two histories, two biographies, and one book of poems. The result would go far towards making the achievements of the year valuable as life-builders.

Hints on Worth While Reading.

1. Biography is worth while reading, for you are in company with noblest lives, and they inspire you to attempt greater things.

2. History is worth while reading, for it teaches you of the events, development and experiences of time that is past.

3. Reading just for pastime may be worth while reading, if only for recreation. Never read what is not worth remembering.

4. The book of all books is the Bible, and yet strictly speaking it is not a book at all, but a complete library, and mightily worth while.

5. Among the worth while books the Bible is first. The many books of the Bible, each one in its place, have made possible all other good books in the modern World.

6. The new life generated within us by the reading of good books has made material for histories, travel, exploration, accounts of heroism, liberal giving, and various other matters.

7. The great nations of today are the nations that have followed the path blazed out by the sword of the Spirit. The new life in some of the old empires is due to the influence of the Bible.

8. Whosoever acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth must of necessity make himself a lover of Books and not only a lover of books, but a consistent student of worth while books and magazines of the day.

The Week's Novelty.

At the opening of the meeting distribute slips of paper and pencils, and devote five minutes to the making of lists of books that the Endeavorers have read that they remember with the greatest pleasure. Ask them to be honest in their making of lists and put down, not what they think they ought to have enjoyed the most, but what they actually did enjoy the most. Those lists will not be signed. They will be gathered and handed over to some older person who is the wisest reader you can find, and at the same time a good speaker. While

the meeting is going on he will be reading these lists and marking upon them the points upon which he wishes to comment. At the close of the meeting he will take fifteen minutes to talk about the lists, bringing out their good points and telling how they might be improved; that is, how Endeavorers may raise the standard of what they really enjoy reading. A. R. W.

Daily Reading.

M. Reading that elevates-----Ps. 19:7-11
T. Books that need study-----Ezek. 2:8-10
W. Books Christ read-----Luke 4: 16-20
T. Reading with attention-----Neh. 8: 1-3
F. Memorizing-----Matt. 4: 4, 7, 10
S. Books that build-----1 Pet. 2: 1, 2
Sun. Topic.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Pastor L. F. Johnson and his able and interested helpers are meriting the sympathy and assistance of the brotherhood generally in their worthy efforts to raise funds with which to build a new and commodious house of worship in Raleigh.

—Young men and young women, your fathers and mothers have done the best they could for you in sending you through college. Their sacrifice and anxieties have been past number. It is now up to you to do the rest. In this task may God help.

—This week many of our splendid young men and young women have their say and Elon commencement has right of way in The Sun. If you will read carefully you will find something to interest and inspire you.

—The Orphanage Board of Trustees, also the Board of Publication, of the Southern convention were both in session at Elon last week and transacted business of interest; but reports of these will come in later as College commencement has right of way this week.

—The "Dehmarvia and Pennsylvania" Christian conference is the latest fraternity of churches to claim our interest and our prayers. Dr. Staley tells in Suffolk Letter this week of the wholesome and happy youth. This is good news and helpful indeed.

—Of our beloved from a distance it was a joy to greet again Drs. J. F. Burnett and J. Pressley Barrett of Dayton and P. H. Fleming of Greenville, O. These brethren came a long distance to be at commencement, and their host of friends felt well paid if they themselves did not, for their journey.

—The Dehmarvia and Pennsylvania Conference is the latest to take rank with our other growing and increasing Christian Conferences. Dr. Staley in Suffolk Letter this week tells interestingly

of this new-born and very vigorous and hopeful-offspring. Long may it live, and may its kind multiply.

—If members of our Christian churches do not feel and indulge a pardonable pride in their Elon, and the work it is doing for our young people, then we cannot see how they can have pride in any thing our denomination as such is undertaking. Every year the number of our graduates increases, and the amount of consecrated intelligence amongst us multiplies.

—We read with pleasure from The Gazette (Bedford, Pa.) of the successful closing exercises of Broad Top High School recently, of which school a brilliant and successful Elon graduate, our fine friend, J. W. Barney, is principal. Prof. Barney seems to be making good as teacher just as he did as pupil in Elon, and that is saying much. Success always to pleasing, affable and hustling "Barney."

—Don't get alarmed, brethren, if your favorite candidate fails to get the political job he seeks. Fact is our country is larger than any one man, and we are not going to run the ship of State aground just yet. Do some reading and hearing and thinking on your own account, and then don't take a fall out of your neighbor if he does likewise and decides differently from what you do as to candidates and things. Suppose we and seek to be charitable in thought and speech in this year of grace.

—We learn with deep regret of the destructive fire at Snow Camp, Alamance County, last Monday night, in which the splendid Woolen Mills and many homes of the village were destroyed. This great and successful mill was controlled by a woman, Miss Eula Dixon, one of the most amiable and noble Christian characters we know, as well as a successful and prosperous business woman. She and her assistants have our sympathy in their loss which we are informed is very heavy.

A SPLENDID TONIC.

Cora, Ky.—Mrs. Iva Moore, of this place, says, "I was so weak, I could hardly walk. I tried Cardui, and was greatly relieved. It is a splendid tonic. I have recommended Cardui to many friends, who tried it with good results." Testimony like this comes unsolicited, from thousands of earnest women, who have been benefited by the timely use of that successful tonic medicine, Cardui. Purely vegetable, mild, but reliable, Cardui well merits its high place in the esteem of those who have tried it. It relieves women's pains, and strengthens weak women. It is certainly worth a trial. Your druggist sells Cardui.

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A WORD ABOUT FUNDS.

There seems not to be a clear idea in the minds of some as to where the funds of the Women's Missionary Societies are to be applied, whether they may not be used for Conference assessments or for some special cause or Mission. By reference to our Constitution it will be seen that all dues are to be sent to the Conference Treasurer and she after paying expenses of Conference Board is to forward the same to the Convention Treasurer as fast as funds may come into her hands. The Convention Treasurer is to divide the funds equally for Home and Foreign missions and to send the same to the Treasurer of the Southern Christian Convention. Thus, as may be seen, the Women's Societies have a part in any and all Mission work of the Southern Christian Convention. If the local society were to apply its funds to the Conference assessments of the local church but little would be accomplished, for every self-respecting church wants to and will do that anyway, and if the local society reserves the right to say where its money shall be used, some mission points might flourish while others would, no doubt, be sadly neglected. So the idea is to use the membership dues for the general work. This gives us a basis upon which to work. With the membership of a society known just what can be depended on from that society is also known. Now the use of the dues for the general work does not debar any from taking up some special work that appeals most to their hearts and working for this above their dues. It is to be hoped that more will specialize along this line. Help the cause

that you decide to give to, not only by your money but by your prayers also.

The question also has been raised about the support of the local society, if all dues are to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, how is the local society to be supported? This matter was discussed by the Convention Board and it was decided not advisable to use the dues for this but to meet the general expenses which should not be large, by a collection for that purpose. The Board suggests that this collection be taken annually, at the time of the election of officers.

Another point that needs emphasis too is that all money except for the expenses of the local society, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, be it Special or dues, with instructions to her for what it is to be used. She, likewise, should report to the Convention Treasurer. This is urged that proper credit may be given and an accurate report of work done may be made.

The following clipping from "The Christian Missionary" will be of interest to those of our societies who are making it possible for Mrs. Watanabe to return to the field. It will be remembered that she is being supported by the societies at Memorial Temple, Rosemont, Portsmouth and Franklin.

"Mrs. Watanabe, Bible woman who for several years carried on work at Akabane after her faithful husband's death, has gone to Ishinomaki to assist Miss True in that field."

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type of success, success that takes account of character as well as of mere acquisition and achievement. Don't think about promotion in your performance of duty—don't be visibly ambitious—don't be selfish grasping. Be absorbed in your work, so devoted to your tasks, that you will be overtaken unawares, as it were, by promotion and crowned in spite of yourself with success. Have the spirit in your work of the office-boy in the great department store. He was always busy and ever ready to do every chore that needed to be done whether it came in the specification of his contract with the firm or not. The proprietor noticed him and expected he would ask for an advance in wages. Six months passed and still no request for larger remuneration. The puzzled proprietor finally ventured to ask why he had made no overtures in the direction of receiving more adequate returns for his labor. "Well," replied the boy, "I suppose I ought to have mentioned it to you since you have called my attention to it, but really, Mr. Wanamaker, I

was too busy to think of it." Are you surprised when I tell you that the latter became a partner in the business and that he now ranks second only to the organizer of the business himself? Robert E. Lee said that "duty is the sublimest word in the English language," and he might have added with equal truthfulness that "the whole-hearted performance of duty is the sublimest thought-group of the secular type of which our mother-tongue is capable." Pay attention to your business, whatever it may be; give heed to it, and perform every act germane to it with singleness of devotion and whole-souled consecration of heart, energetically, enthusiastically, with fervency of spirit.

III. Dedication To God.

Not only "not slothful in business," not only "fervent in spirit," but finally, grandly, majestically, "serving the Lord." Without that concluding qualification, our passage might just as well have been written by Orison Swett Marden as by the great apostle to the Gentiles. Attention to business is all right. Whole-hearted performance of duty is better. But neither of these nor both of them together would be safe constituents for a life-policy, worthy planks in the platform of living for Christian men, without the third and concluding principle of conduct contained in the inspired admonition, "serving the Lord." It took an inspired writer to add that touch, but the heart readily assents. No life is complete without God. No life is a success without attention to spiritual interests, which are the most vital interests of life.

No men have ever yet been found devoid of the religious sense. The most degraded savages, so ignorant that many animals seem clever in comparison with them, have yet a sense of dependence upon a power higher than themselves and a philosophy of how it is possible to please that power. The belief in God is universal, and in the religious disposition found in every human being the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God are indubitably established. The irreligious man is the abnormal man. The infidel is a spiritual aberration from the type of being created in the likeness of God. The normal man is the man of faith, and the larger the man, the more abiding his faith. It is no sign of weakness to leave God. Rather is it the manly, the courageous, the heroic thing to do. There perhaps be colleges where the skeptical air is exalted, but not so here. This institution is happy to regard as its fundamental design the privilege of defending what Gladstone so prophetically styled "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture." No man has ever yet graduated from this College who was not a professed Christian or a member of some evangelical Church. May this always be able to be said.

I would not essay to discourse upon the value of religion, how that, through the inspiration emanating from it and the soul's-renewal so characteristic of it, the world's progress is everywhere accelerated in direct proportion as religion is exalted. We all know the inward satisfaction of the religious life, the pure joy of the secret testimony within that we are God's children. Such a consciousness is ballast on the billow-tossed voyage of life, bringing with it, amid trials, amid hardships, amid tribulations, amid success, amid reverses, a peace that passeth all understanding—a peace incapable of understanding, but in experience how blessed!

Many otherwise laudable lives have a fatal weakness here—they lack spiritual power, soul force. There are men who give strict attention to business, who render whole-souled service in their vocation, and yet fall short of real greatness in achievement and enduring attainment in success, because their successes and achievements are self-centered. No self-centered life may be properly regarded as thoroughly successful. In order to reach the high mark in living our attention to business and our whole-heartedness in service must be dedicated to God. The spiritual must control us, if we are to be truly human, for the best part of a man is the spirit within him. Dedication to God means devotion to the interests of our fellowman, for no man can love God and hate his neighbor. It should be the purpose of our life to be attentive to our business, our vocation, fervent in the performance of every task confronting us, and dedicated, with every power of body, mind, and spirit to the service of God and fellowman. We should so live that through daily performance of our vocational duties whole-heartedly, fervently, we may draw our fellows to Christ, the magnet He that never fails to transmit a new power into whosoever is touched therewith. The life that embraces as its basic principles this trinity of virtuous aims, with conscientious adherence thereto, under God, is destined to come to real greatness and to a crown imperishable, incorruptible. May each son and daughter of the class of 1912 tie his hope to such a life-policy as this—a life-policy such as all the seers and saints of all ages and climes and kindreds and peoples have cherished, but which is most clearly revealed in the life of Him who gave himself freely, cheerfully, that all who believe in Him might not perish, but that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Joyner.

Mrs. Martha M. Joyner, relict of the late L. Thomas Joyner, died at her home near Franklin, Va., May 3, 1912, aged 73

years. She was a member of Union Church from early childhood. She was a daughter of Mr. Jethro Cobb who was a loyal member of the church, and the same loyalty was expressed in her life.

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She had no children of her own, but acted as mother for three sets of children. Her brother, Henry Cobb, died and she took charge of his three children; now Dr. R. H. Cobb, Franklin, Va., Mrs. A. T. Holland, Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. D. P. Rawls, Portsmouth, Va.

At the death of her sister, she took her daughter, Mrs. M. G. Cobb, Franklin, Va., and her husband's one daughter, Mrs. Dan Gillett.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Rowland, assisted by the Baptist and Methodist pastors of Franklin, Va. The writer was sent for to assist in the funeral services, but received the message too late to be at the services.

She will be greatly missed in her church and community. May the hearts that are made sad by her departure be comforted with the hope of reunion in heaven.

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My Dear Children:

I wish to make an especial appeal to the Cousins in this issue to arouse from their sleep and fill our Corner with their bright letters and dimes. If each one of you felt as though it all depended upon you, (and it does) guess you'd wake up a bit. You know Our Children's Building was started by the children in our churches who sent their nickels and dimes so fast that it became possible (with the help of the older people later on) to make a home for—now 50 orphan children. Wasn't that a wonderful thing to do? Now every dime you send helps that much and your bright letters help to fill our Corner, encouraging others to write, and by the reflex action make your heart happier. Now, little folks, get busy! Take the little Denton children's letter home to your heart and if you cannot write keep at mother until she writes for you. We have several nice donations which will appear soon. How grateful we are for so many kind friends! Now, children, I know you are our friends, so write your letters! Lovingly,

Uncle Jim.

Hines Chapel had a fine Children's Day and gave us their collection. How thankful we are!

May 31, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

We come late this time. We have been busy playing and going to commencement. I, Newman, was promoted to the second grade. Mamma says tell Charles that it does not cost any more to write each month than it does once every six months. and it is the letters that we enjoy. Joe Rabb goes to Sunday school but does not behave very well.

We send our love and dimes.

Fondly, J. Newman Denton,
S. E. Denton, Jr.,
Joe Rabb Denton.

Well, guess little Joe Rabb will do better when he is older. It is the letters that make our Corner bright and hope every one will send his letter in promptly.

Sanford, N. C., June 3, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I will write my letter and send my dime for June.

Uncle Jim, I passed to the sixth grade and I missed a lot in my books while I was sick, but I passed anyway.

I am glad there was such a good report last week. I think we will have a new member before long, Mary Hunt.

Well, I will close, Your niece,
Pearl Way.

All right. Pearl, we'll welcome her gladly. You do not fail to work for the Corner.

Jonesboro, June 3, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I want to become one of the club of cousins. I go to Sunday school at Shallow Well. We have a "Testament League" here which requires every one to read at least one chapter in the Bible every day in the week. It does lots of good work. I must close, hoping you will let me join. Your niece,

Luda Lane.

Indeed you may, Luda, and glad to have you. I like your League idea so much, and know you enjoy it.

Dear heart that suffers, by this way

Life's crowns are won;

And it is hard sometimes to say,

"Thy will be done?"

But He permits the pain, and He

Sends strength to bear.

Try to keep still for His dear sake

Who answers prayer.

Agent—I called, madam, to ask if you have a vacuum cleaner?

Housewife—Nope; we ain't even got a vacuum.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

A New Conference.

By request I went to Dover, Delaware June 1 to assist in the organization of the "Delmarvia and Pennsylvania Christian Conference."

At 3:30 P. M., the following Ministers and Churches responded and became members of the organization. Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, D. D. Rev. M. W. Butler, Rev. Geo. T. Price, D. D.; the People's Church, Dover, Del.; Tulleytown, New Jersey; Hopewell, Brigsboro, Pa.; Ebenezer, Del. Tulleytown and Hopewell were already Christian Churches, the People's Church and Ebenezer had never joined any Conference before. These churches were all represented by delegates according to our rule which made two from three churches and four from People's Church, making ten in all. The Gulf Church of Conshohocken, Penn., of which Rev. M. W. Butter is pastor, sent a fraternal delegate, and this church will probably join this new conference within a year. At present it is a member of the New Jersey Christian Conference. The Gulf church is only two hours from Dover which is the natural center of this new conference. The name—"Delmarvia and Pennsylvania"—includes Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania and the hope is to extend the conference both ways from Dover over these states and how the peninsula between the Chesapeake on the west and the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic on the east.

The Conference was organized with Rev. W. M. Butter, President; Prof. Wesley Webb, Vice President; Howard Lynch, Secretary; Charles Sipple, Treasurer.

Sessions were held Saturday afternoon and evening, and Monday forenoon, with a big Sunday with services forenoon, afternoon, and evening. The forenoon service was largely attended, a great song service by the great choir of the Peoples church; a sermon by this writer, and an offering which, during the day was one thousand dollars.

After the forenoon service, lunch was served in the vestry of the church to out-of-town people and city residents who preferred to remain.

The afternoon service consisted of reports from various departments of the Peoples church for the year. All of these showed large and benevolent activities. The Peoples church holds meetings of some sort almost every night of the week the year round.

Sunday evening was a platform meeting with a large congregation. The choir and Peoples church Glee Club rendered excellent music, and the addresses were expositions of the Cardinal Principles of the

Christian church. Rev. W. W. Staley spoke on 1 and 2; Rev. M. W. Butler on 3; and Dr. Lightbourne on 4 and 5. This meeting was intended to set before the people the position of the church and to strengthen the members in their position.

At the request of Dr. Lightbourne 1 ordained four deacons and one deaconess. And W. W. Staley, M. W. Butler, and A. W. Lightbourne, as ordaining Presbytery appointed by the Conference ordained W. L. Gennett of Bridgeboro, Penn., and R. S. Stephens of Dover, Delaware. These added to the names before mentioned make five ministers in the new conference.

People came from Wilmington Delaware and other places on Sunday and the day was one of whole-hearted and enthusiastic worship. It is no exaggeration to say that the People's church is the liveliest, most active, and most influential church in Dover. The hope is that other churches will be added to this new conference within the near future. The outlook is very hopeful and the leaders are very earnest and consecrated. The new ministers have had large and successful experience in Christian service and give promise of useful service.

Rev. W. L. Gennett was elected Conference evangelist, and Rev. R. S. Stephens has been chosen pastor of Ebenezer church which is a new organization with eighty members who will care for their own expenses.

My home was with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Benson on State street, whose hospitality is excelled only by their devotion to and activity in the Peoples church. Both of them are members of the great choir and Mrs. Benson is leading soprano.

Mrs. Catherine Benson, mother of my host, was born January 22, 1823, and attended both day services on Sunday, enjoyed them and took a lively interest in all the exercises and went home in good plight, in good spirits, though in her ninetyeth year.

Dr. Lightbourne is very zealous and enthusiastic over the new organization and fully expects rapid growth of the new conference. His unbounded energy, his wide knowledge and wise plans, with a large and loyal following, promise large results and great usefulness in the cause of Christian liberty and spiritual development.

The usual committees were announced by President Butler and conference adjourned to meet again with the Peoples church, Dover, Delaware on Saturday before the last Sunday in May 1913.

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June 28, 29, 30, 1912.

Friday, June 28, 8:00 P. M.

Preaching, Rev. J. V. Knight.

Saturday, June 29, 9:30 A. M.

9:30 Devotional Services, Rev. J. D. Dollar.

9:40 Church Extension in the South, Rev. H. W. Elder.

10:00 Our Church Extension Loan Fund, Rev. E. M. Carter.

10:10 Our Unreached Church Members, Rev. C. M. Dollar.

10:30 Unevangelical America, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.

11:00 Preaching, Rev. W. L. Wells.

12:00 Adjournment.

Saturday, 2:00 P. M.

2:00 Devotional Services, Rev. T. H. Elder.

2:10 Woman's Part in Evangelizing the World, Rev. J. H. Hughes.

2:30 An Every-Member Missionary Campaign in Every Church, Rev. G. O. Lankford.

2:40 The Missionary Message of the Bible, Rev. G. D. Hunt.

3:00 Foreign Missions As An Investment, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.

3:45 A Missionary Consecration Service, Rev. C. W. Carter.

4:00 Adjournment.

Saturday, 8:00 P. M.

Preaching, H. W. Elder.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.

9:30 Sunday School.

10:20 Sunday School as a Missionary Force, Rev. J. W. Elder.

10:30 Sunday School as an Evangelizing Force, General Discussion.

11:00 Dedication of Wadley Christian Church, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.

12:00 Adjournment.

Sunday, 3:30 P. M.

3:30 Devotional Services, Rev. W. R. Knight.

3:40 Men and Religion Forward Movement, Rev. J. V. Knight.

4:00 Missionary Teaching a Necessity, General Discussion.

4:15 Quiet Hour With the Bible, Rev. W. L. Wells.

5:00 Adjournment.

Sunday, 8:00 P. M.

Preaching, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D.

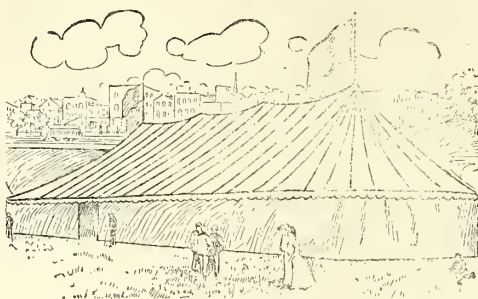
It is earnestly desired that each church in the Conference send at least one representative. C. M. Dollar,

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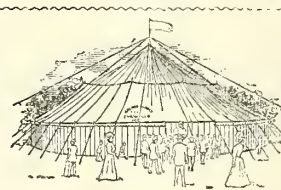
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in God we are going on his promise and attempt greater things in His name. At our last appointment memorial services were observed, also the children rendered a very successful program in the afternoon.

Antioch.

The people of Antioch are hospitable, kind and appreciative. They seem to do all they can for the comfort of their pastor while he is in their midst. On the second Sunday in May the children recited many beautiful and appropriate selections to the memory of loved ones. Af-

ter the recitations many floral decorations were placed by the children and relatives on the graves of departed loved ones. Notwithstanding the fact that we had frequent showers during the day, our church was too small to accommodate all the people with seats.

Poplar Branch.

On the first Sunday in June, children's day was observed at Poplar Branch. The training of the children and arranging of the program was in the care of the following committee: Misses Fannie Brooks, Nora Hunt, and Mr. J. A. McPhail. The children gave evidence of very careful training and recited well, which proves that the committee did their very best. The program consisted of songs by the choir, drills that were solemn and impressive, recitations, dialogues, solos, duets, quartettes, a sermon by the pastor on "The Tomb of Christ," and in the afternoon a very helpful and inspiring address was delivered on "The Sunday School and Children's Day," by Attorney A. A. F. Seawell, of Jonesboro, N. C. Messrs. Rogers and Parrish were there and led the singing for us, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. B. J. Earp.

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Mr John Thomas Hobby of Raleigh, and Miss Cornelia Elizabeth Bryan of Mars Hill N. C. were united in marriage in the reception hall, of the West Dormitory at Elon College on the evening of June 6. Miss Pitt of the El n music department presided at the piano and a beautiful bridal chorus was rendered by Misses Clements and Barnes of the College faculty and by Messrs. Campbell and Barnes. Mr. Mack Hobby brother of the groom acted as best man. Mr. Bryan, brother of the bride gave her away. Mrs. J. O. Atkinson acted as dame of honor. Messers Young and Rand, of Raleigh, friends of the groom were ushers. The souvenir ring ceremony of the Christian church was used. Immediately after the marriage the happy couple, amid showers of rice, left on the 9:30 P. M. north bound train for Washington and points north for a stay of several days. Miss Bryan has been the popular and efficient art teacher in Elon College the past three or four years and has a host of admiring friends. Mr Hobby is a successful merchant in Raleigh, at which place, after a sojourn in the north and at Asheville, the newly married pair will make their home.

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